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Massachusetts Agriculture Day at the State House, March 18

Patrick Administration officials and legislators meet with Bay State farmers and agricultural groups to discuss issues and legislation

WHAT: Each year farmers from across the state gather at the State House to meet with legislators to discuss issues and legislation affecting their farms and communities. The event also includes the "Taste of Massachusetts" reception, where state farm and specialty food products are showcased. This year, honorees include a Fall River resident active in her 4-H club and a Dracut teen who grew the state's largest cabbage this year. Also, Commissioner Doug Petersen will announce the start of this year's agriculture calendar photo contest.

WHO: Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Ian Bowles
Department of Agricultural Resources Commissioner Doug Petersen
Senator Pam Resor
Representative Frank Smizik
Ken Nicewicz, Chairman of the Massachusetts Agricultural Promotion Board
Agriculture Day award winners, including Representatives Anne Gobi and Dennis Guyer and Media Spokesperson Paul Rogers.

WHEN: Tuesday March 18, 2008 Time: 11:30
Farmers and members of the Legislature meet to discuss issues starting at 10 a.m.

WHERE: Massachusetts State House, Nurses Hall and Great Hall

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